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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to amendments filed November 26, 2004.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-24, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0073220, in view of Desrochers et al. (hereinafter Desrochers) (see applicant IDS).

3. In considering claims 1, 11, and 22, Lee teaches a telecommunications network comprising a program service provider (114) connected to a plurality of

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program content providers (116), a method of performing program-on-demand from a terminal (112), the method comprising the steps of:

a) Receiving a program request by the service provider from the terminal, the program request comprising a program list including one program identification for each of a plurality of selected streaming programs offered to the terminal;

b) responsive to step a), determining, by the service provider, a content provider storing a first program (P1) from the plurality of selected streaming programs included in the program list, wherein step b) is performed using a table associating program identifications with content providers; and

c) establishing by the service provider, a first session between the terminal and the content provider storing the first program P1 for streaming the first program P1 over the first session from the content provider storing the first program P1 to the terminal.

See pages 3 and 4 paragraphs 34-37. Also see Fig. 1.

Although the disclosed system and method of Lee shows substantial features of the claimed invention, it fails to explicitly disclose: using a Session Initiation Protocol (SIP).

Nevertheless, in a similar field of endeavor Desrochers discloses a method in a telecommunications network wherein a web server connected to a media player comprises: facilitating an SIP session between an SIP client and the media player. See sections 2 and 3, also see Fig.'s 2-4.

Thus, given the teachings of Desrochers, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the present invention, to modify the teachings of

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Lee to show utilizing SIP for performing program-on-demand. This would have advanced the teachings of Lee, with current technology at the time, by utilizing a protocol that was being adopted by key players in the telecommunications industry, Desrochers (abstract).

4. In considering claims 2 and 12, the combined teachings of Lee and Desrochers provide a means for:

e) releasing the first SIP session between the SIP terminal and the content provider storing the first program P1;

f) following the release of the first SIP session, determining in the service provider a content provider storing a second program (P2) from the plurality of selected programs;

g) the service provider establishing a second SIP session between the SIP terminal and the content provider storing the second program P2; and

h) streaming from the content provider storing the second program P2 to the SIP terminal the second program P2 over the second SIP session.

See Lee pages 3 and 4, paragraphs 36 and 37. Also see Desrochers sections 2 and 3, and Fig.'s 2-4. One of ordinary skill in the art would combine the teachings of Lee with Desrochers for the same reasons indicated in consideration of claim 1.

5. In considering claims 3 and 13, the teachings of Desrochers provides a means for:

i) sending a first INVITE message from the service provider to the SIP terminal for establishing a first leg of the first SIP session; and

j) sending a second INVITE message from the service provider to the content provider storing the first program P1 for establishing a second leg of the first SIP session. See Fig.'s 2-3, steps 2 and 6. Also see Fig. 4. One of ordinary skill in the art would combine the teachings of Lee with Desrochers for the same reasons indicated in consideration of claim 1.

6. In considering claims 4, 14, and 23, the teachings of Desrochers provides a means for: sending a Parlay/OSA RouteReq() message from a service application of the service provider to a Parlay/SIP converter, the Parlay/OSA RouteReq() message being indicative of a request for the establishment of the first leg of the first SIP session; and upon receipt of the Parlay/OSA RouteReq() message, the Parlay/SIP converter converting the Parlay/OSA RouteReq() message into the first INVITE message; and the Parlay/SIP converter sending the first INVITE message to the SIP server; wherein the step i) of sending the first INVITE message from the service provider to the SIP terminal includes sending the first INVITE message from the SIP server to the SIP terminal. See Fig.'s 2-3, steps 1 and 2. Also see Fig. 4. One of ordinary skill in the art would combine the teachings of Lee with Desrochers for the same reasons indicated in consideration of claim 1.

7. In considering claims 5 and 15, the teachings of Desrochers provides a means for: sending a Parlay/OSA SendInfoRequest() message from the service application to the Parlay/SIP converter, the Parlay/OSA SendInfoRequest() message being indicative of a request for the establishment of the second leg of the first SIP session; and upon receipt of the Parlay/OSA SendInfoRequest() message, the Parlay/SIP converter converting the Parlay/OSA SendInfoRequest() message into the second INVITE 1 message; and the Parlay/SIP converter sending the second INVITE message to the SIP server wherein the step j) of sending the second INVITE message from the service provider to the content provider includes sending the second INVITE message from the SIP server to the content provider. See Fig.'s 2-3, steps 5 and 6. Also see Fig. 4. One of ordinary skill in the art would combine the teachings of Lee with Desrochers for the same reasons indicated in consideration of claim 1.

8. In considering claims 6, 16, and 24, Lee teaches sending a program request over an HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer Protocol) link over the Internet connecting the terminal and the service provider. See page 3, paragraph 34.

9. In considering claims 7 and 17, the teachings of Lee provide a means for streaming a program data of a first program P1 from the content provider to an SIP terminal using a Real-Time Protocol (RTP) over a first SIP session. See pages 3 and 4, paragraph 37.

10. In considering claims 8 and 18, the teachings of Lee provide a means for releasing a first SIP session between an SIP terminal and a content provider storing the first program P1 following a termination of the first program P1. See page 3, paragraph 36.

11. In considering claims 9 and 19, the combined teachings of Lee and Desrochers provide a means for releasing the first SIP session between the SIP terminal and the content provider storing the first program P1 responsive to a stop request message sent from the SIP terminal to the service provider for stopping the streaming of the first program P1. See Lee page 4, paragraph 41. Also see Desrochers sections 2 and 3, and Fig.'s 2-4.

12. In considering claims 10 and 20, the combined teachings of Lee and Desrochers provide a means for releasing the first SIP session between the SIP terminal and the content provider storing the first program P1 responsive to a skip request message sent from the SIP terminal to the service provider for skipping the streaming of the first program P1. See Lee page 4, paragraph 41. Also see Desrochers sections 2 and 3, and Fig.'s 2-4.

13. In considering claim 21, the teachings of Lee provide a means for the content provider storing the first program P1 to comprise a Program Media Player for streaming a program data of the first selected program P1 to the terminal using RTP over the first

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SIP session, following establishment of the first SIP session. See page 4, paragraphs 40 and 41.

Conclusion

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hassan Phillips whose telephone number is (571) 272-3940. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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